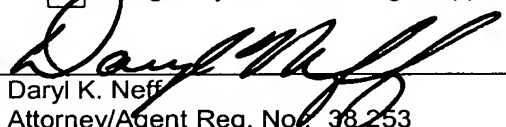
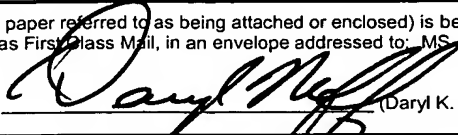
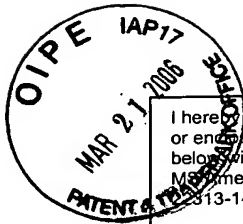




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In response to the Official Action mailed December 23, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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